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Tuesday, 7 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 25th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 26th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/323) [60]; Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/58/1) [10]: joint debate

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62 to 80): *item 62* (A/58/202); *item 63* (A/58/128); *item 64* (A/58/29); *item 65*; *item 66*; *item 67*; *item 68*; *item 69*; *item 70* (A/58/137); *item 71*; *item 72*; *item 73* (A/58/117, A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/176, A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/203, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/274, A/58/848); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259, A/58/316); *item 76* (A/58/259); *item 77* (A/58/163); *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2); *item 79* (A/58/385); and *item 80* (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3 and A/ C.1/58/INF.1)

Speakers:

Nigeria (on behalf of Group of African States)

Malaysia

United States

China

Algeria

Japan

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Republic of Korea

United Arab Emirates

Guyana

Uganda

Pakistan

Romania

Madagascar

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Requests for hearing (A/C.4/58/2, A/C.4/58/3 and A/C.4/58/3/Add.1, A/C.4/58/4 and A/C.4/58/4/Add.1-9)

2. Agenda items 19, 87, 88, 89 and 12, and 90

   General debate on all decolonization items: *item 19* (A/58/23 (Part II), chapters VIII - X, A/58/23 (Part III), chapter XII (D-F), A/58/171; Aide-mémoire 1/03); *item 87* (A/58/23 (Part II), chapter VII, A/58/23 (Part III), chapter XII (A), A/58/69); *item 88* (A/58/23 (Part II), chapter V, A/58/23 (Part III), chapter XII (B)); *items 89 and 12 (*A/58/23 (Part II), chapter VI, A/57/23 (Part III), chapter XII (C), A/58/66, A/C.4/58/CRP.1)); *item 90* (A/58/71)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

General debate (*continued)*

Algeria

Namibia

Croatia

Cuba

Bangladesh

Kenya

Yemen

Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group)

Belize (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS))

India

Canada

Indonesia

Myanmar

South Africa

Ecuador

Lebanon

Colombia

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Singapore

3–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

General debate (*continued*)

United States of America

Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM))

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Viet Nam

Ghana

Belarus

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries)

Venezuela

United Republic of Tanzania

Mongolia

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Nigeria

Tajikistan

Kazakhstan

Ethiopia

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/58/172 and A/58/204) [105]

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (A/58/3[1], A/58/61-E/2003/5, A/58/67-E/2003/49, A/58/79, A/58/229, A/58/159, A/58/153 and A/C.3/58/L.2) . . . . . [106]

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/58/160) . . . . . [107]

Continuation of general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work (A/C.5/58/1 and A/C.5/58/L.1/Rev.1)

2. Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/58/5/Add.5, A/58/114, A/58/97, A/58/97/Add.1 and A/58/384) . . . . . [118]

Introduction and general discussion

3. Joint Inspection Unit (A/58/34, A/58/64, A/58/291, A/58/220 and A/58/343) . . . [129]

Introduction and general discussion

4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [119]

Outsourcing practices (A/57/185, A/57/453 and A/57/7/Add.1)

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Management audit review of outsourcing (A/58/92, A/58/92/Add.1 and A/58/389)

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Common and joint services at Vienna (A/58/258, A/58/258/Add.1 and A/58/389)

Introduction and general discussion

5. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [120]

Profitability of commercial activities of the United Nations (A/57/398 and A/57/7/Add.1)

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: United Nations revenue producing activities (A/57/707, A/57/707/Add.1, A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/58/5/Add.5, A/58/114, A/58/97, A/58/97/Add.1 and A/58/384))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Special briefing by the Secretariat to the delegates of the Fifth Committee on issues relating to the Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations and on the Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operation

Sixth Committee

Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change: improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [106 (b) of the provisional agenda] (29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

Delegations wishing to participate in any of eight ministerial-level round tables to be held in the context of the High-level Dialogue, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables (resolution 57/250 of 20 December 2002 and letter from the President of the General Assembly to Member States dated 7 May 2003, on organizational matters).

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 9

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks)

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 7 October 2003

JUSCANZ Group

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: Towards a society for all in the twenty-first Century" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

9 a.m.–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

OIC Group *(on Sixth Committee matters) (at the experts level)*

9.30–10.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Arab Group *(on Third Committee matters) (at the experts level)*

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

2.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on nuclear disarmament (organized by the Permanent Mission of Myanmar)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Open-ended consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and Political Participation" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 7 October 2003

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Julian R. Hunte, President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly

12.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. John Negroponte (United States), President of the Security Council for October (on the work programme)

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 8 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Second Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Third Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Morning[1] . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

[1] Following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held as follows: Wednesday, 8 October, *from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber*; and Thursday, 9 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will conclude its general debate on Wednesday, 8 October 2003, (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) in Conference Room 2. The list of speakers for the general debate and all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950-C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Panel discussion

As part of the work of the Second Committee. there will be a panel discussion on "Corporate Responsibility" on Friday, 10 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting, organized by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Mrs. Halima Embarek Warzazi, Chairperson of the fifty-fifth session of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights; Ms. Enery Quiñones, Head, Anti-Corruption Division, OECD; Mr. Fritz Heimann, Chairman, Transparency International-USA; Mr. Peter Utting, Acting Deputy Director and Research Coordinator on Corporate Social Responsibility, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD); and Ms. Malaika Culverwell, Senior Fellow, Royal Institute for International Affairs.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Briefing

A keynote address to the Second Committee delegates will be made by Mr. Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Laureate and Professor of Economics and Finance, Columbia University, on "Prospects for Economic Growth and Future of Development Cooperation", on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The

meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 274th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at *11.30 a.m.* in Conference Room 1.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 218th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 9 October 2003 at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics: Technical Subgroup

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of H.E. Miss June Yvonne Clarke (Barbados).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health" (organized by the Permanent Mission of China)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health", organized by the Permanent Mission of China, on Wednesday, 8 October r 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on agenda item 105 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution on agenda item 105 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Wednesday, 8 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3, and on Friday, 10 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

International Forum for Social Development

The third meeting of the International Forum for Social Development on "International Migrants and Development", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held in an informal open debate on Wednesday, 8 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The debate will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Jacques Elmiger, Chairman of the forty-second session of the Commission for Social Development. Speakers will include Ms. Nadine Alvergue de Molina, Director-General for Immigration, El Salvador; Mr. Gerónimo Gutiérrez, Vice-Minister for North America at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico; Mr. Jan O. Karlsson, Minister for Development Cooperation, Migration and Asylum Policy, Sweden; Ms. Susan F. Martin, Director, Institute for the Study of International Migration, United States; and Mr. Michael D. Tlhomelang, Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, South Africa. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Background information is available in room DC2-1360 or at the following Web sites: www.un.org/esa/socdev/IFSD/ or www.un.org/esa/socdev/IFSD/3rdmeeting.htm. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development (tel. 1 (917) 367-5740 or 1 (212) 963-4596).

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: Towards a society for all in the twenty-first Century" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: Towards a society for all in the twenty-first Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 9 October 2003, in Conference Room 7; and 14, 16 and 17 October, in Conference Room B.

Eastern European States Group (of the Fifth Committee)

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European States Group (of the Fifth Committee) on Thursday, 9 October 2003, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Non-Aligned Movement

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (item 73 (p)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (item 73 (p)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand, on Thursday, 9 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

There will be informal consultations (open to experts from interested delegations) on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" on Thursday, 9 October 2003, from 2.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Group of 77 ***(briefing on agenda item 94 (Second Committee))***

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(briefing on agenda item 94 (Second Committee))* on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 3 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Special briefing to members of the Fifth Committee

There will be a special briefing by the Secretariat to members of the Fifth Committee on issues relating to the programme budget of the United Nations on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Reports and background documentation (Second and Third Committees)

Reports and background documentation prepared by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs for the Second Committee and the Third Committee can be accessed by delegates at www.un.org/esa.

Facilities for bilateral consultations

Facilities are available for bilateral consultations during this period. For further information, interested delegations may refer to Note Verbale No. 03-204 or contact the Meetings Servicing Unit (tel. 1 (212) 963-2643).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 6 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

23rd plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: note by the Secretary General (A/58/396) . . . . . [16 (d)]

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to extend the term of office of Mr. Ruud Lubbers as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of two years, beginning on 1 January 2004 and ending on 31 December 2005.

Statements were made by the representatives of China (on behalf of the Asian States), Lithuania (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Spain (on behalf of the Western European and other States), Costa Rica (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States) and Rwanda (on behalf of the African States).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 16.

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/323) [60]*; Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/58/1)* [10]*: joint debate*

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Algeria, Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Nigeria, South Africa, Norway, Bangladesh, Guatemala, Pakistan and Indonesia.

24th plenary meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/323) [60]*; Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/58/1)* [10]*: joint debate*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 10 and 60.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nambia, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Croatia, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Switzerland, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Japan, Jamaica, Serbia and Montenegro, Kuwait, India, Austria and Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand).

Main Committees

First Committee

2nd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Mexico, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil (on the New Agenda Coalition), South Africa, Argentina, Jordan, Switzerland, Brazil, Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Nigeria, Indonesia and Venezuela.

Right of reply

In the exercise of the right of reply, the representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

2nd meeting

Election of a Vice-Chairman

Upon nomination by the representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mr. Isaac Lamba (Malawi) as Vice-Chairman.

Agenda items 19 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 87, 88, 89 and 12, and 90

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Decolonization introduced chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/58/23 (Parts II and III)).

The Acting Chairman of the Special Committee on Decolonization made a statement on the work of the Committee.

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of Peru (on behalf of the Member States of the Rio Group), Cuba, Uruguay (on behalf of the member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile)), Venezuela, Egypt, Lebanon, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Kingdom, Indonesia, China and Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the 14 Member States of the Caribbean Community).

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Requests for hearing

The Chairman drew attention to aide-mémoire 1/03 containing requests for hearing relating to the questions of the Cayman Islands, Gibraltar and Western Sahara.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

The Committee also decided that the deadline to submit further requests for hearing would be the same day, 6 October, at 6 p.m.; these would be processed as documents to be considered at the next meeting.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft resolutions/proposals on decolonization and related agenda items was Wednesday, 8 October, at 1 p.m.

The Chairman also informed the Committee of the communication received from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar who wished to make a statement on Gibraltar.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Second Committee

2nd meeting

General debate

The Committee began its general debate and heard an introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

The Committee heard statements by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries (Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovak Republic and Slovenia) and the associated countries (Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey)), New Zealand (on behalf of the Pacific Island Forum Group), Japan, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Pakistan, Brazil and China.

Third Committee

2nd meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [105]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [106]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing . . . . . [107]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard a statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the speakers, in which the following delegations took part: Switzerland, Egypt, Sudan, Benin, Syrian Arab Republic, Yemen, Canada, Cuba, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Gambia, Pakistan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Qatar and Nigeria.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development replied to questions raised.

The Committee began its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil, Switzerland, Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Venezuela, Cuba, Botswana (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) and Egypt.

3rd meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of agenda items 105, 106 and 107 and heard statements by the representatives of Denmark, Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR, as well as Bolivia and Chile), Mexico, Australia, Lebanon, China, Benin, Indonesia, Jordan, Japan and the Russian Federation.

Statements were also made by the representatives of UNICEF, the ILO and the World Bank.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development responded to questions raised by the representatives of Egypt, Benin, the Sudan, Cuba, Malaysia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda items 105, 106 and 107 was Wednesday, 8 October, at 6 p.m.

Sixth Committee

2nd meeting

Organization of work

The Committee established a Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism and elected H.E. Mr. Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka) as its Chairman.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-sixth session . . . . . [151]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 151.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law introduced the report of the Commission on its thirty-sixth session.

The Legal Counsel made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Belarus, Singapore, Uganda, Venezuela, India, Austria, the Philippines, China, the United States, Cyprus, Australia, Japan, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom.

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly . . . . . [159]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 159.

The representative of Sweden made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.6.

It was announced that Botswana, Guatemala, Japan, Mauritius, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland and Uruguay had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Community in the General Assembly. [162]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 162.

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.5.

It was announced that Cambodia had joined as sponsor of the draft resolution.

Observer status for the GUUAM in the General Assembly . . . . . [163]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 163.

The representative of Georgia made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.4.

It was announced that Uganda and Uzbekistan had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Observer status for the East African Community in the General Assembly. . . . . [164]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 164.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The representative of Uganda introduced draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.3.

It was announced that Australia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Madagascar, Malawi, Portugal, the Sudan, the United Kingdom, the United States and Zimbabwe had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

3rd meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-sixth session . . . . . [151]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 151.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Kenya, France, Mexico, Morocco, Algeria, Italy, Spain, Guatemala, Thailand, the Republic of Korea and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law made a concluding statement.

The Secretary of the Commission and the Chairman of the Committee also spoke.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion of agenda item 151.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Trade and Development Board
Fiftieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 6 October 2003

944th plenary meeting *Opening of the session*

The fiftieth session of the Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Dimiter Tzantchev (Bulgaria), President of the forty-ninth session of the Board.

Election of officers . . . . . [1 (a)]

The Board elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Sha Zukang (China) as the President of the Board.

The President of the Board made a statement.

The Board elected the following 10 Vice-Presidents: H.E. Mr. Michel Adam (Belgium); Mr. Youri Afanassiev (Russian Federation); H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa (Zimbabwe); H.E. Mr. Djismun KASR (Indonesia); Ms. Melissa J. Kehoe (United States of America); H.E. Mohamed Saleck Ould Mohamed Lemine (Mauritania); H.E. Mr. Lester Mejía Solís (Nicaragua); H.E. Mr. Iván Mora Godoy (Cuba); Mr. Mitsunori Nanba (Japan); and H.E. Mr. Dimiter Tzantchev (Bulgaria).

The Board elected Mr. François Léger (France) as its Rapporteur.

Following established practice, the Board agreed that the Regional Coordinators and China, and the Chairmen of the Sessional Committees, would be fully associated with the work of the Bureau of the Board.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session . . . . . [1 (b)]

The Board adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document TD/B/50/1.

Organization of work

The Board approved the proposals for the organization of the work of the session, as contained in a revised timetable, and agreed that, in the course of the session and in the light of developments, changes to the timetable would be reflected in the Daily Journal of the Board.

The Board established the two following Sessional Committees: Sessional Committee I to consider and report on item 3 (Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010: (a) UNCTAD-wide activities in favour of LDCs; (b) The expected impact of recent initiatives in favour of least developed Countries in the area of preferential market access; and Sessional Committee II to consider and report on item 4 (Economic development in Africa: Issues in Africa's trade performance).

The Board elected Mr. Marc Giacomini (France) as Chairman of Sessional Committee I.

H.E. Mohamed Saleck Ould Mohamed Lemine (Mauritania) was elected as Chairman of Sessional Committee II.

General statements

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD addressed the Board.

The representatives of the following countries made statements: Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Barbados (on

behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Oman (on behalf of the Asian Group), Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African Group), Bulgaria (on behalf of Group D), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Japan, China, Brazil, the United States and Switzerland.

945th plenary meeting — *Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Capital accumulation, economic growth and structural change* . . . . . [3]

The Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD, made an introductory statement on the item.

The general debate was opened and statements were made by the following representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Oman (on behalf of the Asian Group), Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African Group), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Norway, Indonesia, Algeria, Ethiopia, Nicaragua and Cuba.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3) of the Covenant: Peru (30 September 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Objection to the declaration made by Pakistan upon accession: Russian Federation (22 September 2003)[1]

Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

Approval: France (3 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Symposium on "Peace on Earth" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See)

The Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations will hold a symposium on "Peace on Earth" *today*, 7 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of Pope John XXIII's encyclical *Pacem in Terris*. Cardinal Edward Egan, H.E. Mr. Julian R. Hunte, President of the fifty-eight session of the General Assembly, and Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, will be among the panellists.

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of DPI/NGO briefing will be "Maternal Health: The Problem of Obstetric Fistula". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 9 October 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing will feature H.E. Mr. Ousmane Moutari, Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations; Dr. Catherine Hamlin, Founder and Director, Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital; and Dr. France Donnay, Chief, Reproductive Health Branch, United Nations Population Fund. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 6 October 2003.

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A/58/214	Items 122 and 123 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund — Report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board [A C E F R S]
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A/C.3/58/L.5	Item 108 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Strengthening international cooperation in preventing and combating trafficking in persons and protecting victims of such trafficking — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/58/L.6	Item 108 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/58/L.1/Rev.1	Status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

Security Council

S/2002/897	Letter dated 6 August 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/935	Note by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/936	Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic on the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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